

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since Robert "Hoyt" Owsley lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Margaret Lafaver, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend A.T. Mahaney on August 5, 1945, in Wheatland, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Hoyt and Margaret Owsley have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Freda and Phillip Markley, David and Caren Owsley, Keith and Carol Owsley, and Wanda and Ken Eidson; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Hoyt Owsley provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through thirty-six years of successful endeavor as an electrical lineman for the Southwest Electric Company; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Margaret Owsley offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, during their sixty years together, Hoyt and Margaret Owsley have enjoyed working in the garden, reading, and staying active in city government and various church activities; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Owsley derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Prairie United Methodist Church, where Margaret has served as pianist and organist for the past six decades; and

**Whereas**, Hoyt and Margaret Owsley, residents of Preston, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 7, 2005, at Prairie United Methodist Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Hoyt and Margaret Owsley and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owsley, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4126, adopted August 2, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker